



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“On June 29, 2006, the United States House of Representatives passed House Resolution 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006, a bill cosponsored by House Resources Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA) that would open previously protected ocean waters in California and Nationwide to new off-shore oil and gas drilling. This expansive drilling legislation jeopardizes a long-standing bipartisan commitment to protect our Nation’s coastlines, beaches and coastal economies from additional oil and gas leasing and development.

“H.R. 4761 would replace the 25-year old National off-shore drilling moratorium with a petition process to restore current protections. States would have one year to petition the Secretary of the Interior to prevent gas exploration and three years to petition against oil drilling, repeating the processes every five years or leasing would commence. In addition, the bill contains troubling provisions weakening State authority to determine new gas pipeline routes in waters under their jurisdiction; undermining State ability to comment on Federal drilling proposals off of their coasts; and provides financial incentives for drilling in sensitive waters within a few miles of the beach.

“Drilling development is a serious threat to marine habitat, wildlife, and water resources that puts various beneficial uses, such as beach recreation, fishing, boating, sailing, tourism, and scenic quality, at risk. Lifting the ban on off-shore oil drilling is an exploitation of our coastal ecosystems that is short sighted. California’s coastal resources deserve continued National protections from off-shore oil and gas drilling that are uniform, effective and permanent.”

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Richard Robinson addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Yaroslavsky and Knabe; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to House Resolution 4761, the Deep Ocean Energy Resources Act of 2006, or any other legislation which would eliminate the ban on off-shore oil drilling in California; and
2. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Washington, D.C. to communicate the Board's position to the author and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation.

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